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ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

GOOD RESULTS ACHIEVED

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, November 8.

The Imperial Conference met in the afternoon to wind up its business. The proceedings were marked by great cordiality. All the Premiers unanimously opined that the Conference had been most successful. Mr. Baldwin said that the British Government was most grateful to the Dominion Premiers, whose long journeys had been quite justified by the results achieved. The Dominion Premiers expressed their gratitude to Mr. Baldwin and other British ministers and the Secretariat. Mr. Baldwin, behalf of the Government, opined that the unseen work of the Conference had been most extraordinarily useful and helpful, also the work of the Dominion's Secretariats.

PREFERENCE FOR EMPIRE WINES

LATER

The Economic Conference carried a resolution recommending the adoption of the conclusions of the Geneva customs conference. It was announced that the British Government proposed finally to reduce the duty on Empire wine of a gallon exceeding thirty per cent to two shillings by doubling the existing preference and secondly to reduce the surtax on sparkling wines from the Empire to 6s. 3d. by increasing the preference to fifty per cent. Representatives of the dominions expressed their gratitude. Sir Charles G. G. made a statement regarding the committee on inter-imperial exchanges. All the delegates opined that the conclusions of the committee would be of the greatest value in stimulating imperial trade. The conference decided that the Imperial Economic Committee should be composed of four representatives of Britain and two each of the Dominions and Crown Colonies. Reuter learns that the Dominions will be given a preference of sixpence a gallon on grape juice.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

The Economic Conference unanimously adopted resolutions relating to the application of the Workmen's Compensation Act throughout the dominions. A resolution recommending the establishment of an Economic Committee which will be of an advisory character stipulates that no question having any reference to another part of the Empire may be referred to the Committee without the consent of the part concerned.

TWELVE-MILE LIMIT TREATY

LEGAL DIFFICULTY CROPS UP.

LONDON, November 8.

It is understood that a legal difficulty has arisen in regard to the Anglo-American compromise in respect of the twelve-mile limit, namely, the question of whether the effect of the projected treaty will be unconstitutional. Mr. Hughes does not consider the treaty would violate the constitution but the question can only be decided by a test case before the United States Supreme Court. He suggested a rider might be added to the treaty that if any part thereof is invalidated by a ruling of the Supreme Court the whole treaty would fall. Thus there will be no danger that it will be modified to the detriment of either party.

RUSSIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

SOVIET BISHOP FORCIBLY EJECTED

NEW YORK, November 8.

The priests and monks of St. Nicholas Cathedral forcibly ejected the Reverend John Kedrovsky when, wearing the insignia of Soviet Bishop of North America, he attempted to take over the Cathedral. Kedrovsky recently returned from Russia accompanied by the Reverend Chechilija who said he was delegated to seize the Russian church properties in America valued at three million dollars.

MONEY IN COTTON

LONDON, November 8.

J. P. Coates show a net profit for the year of £2,500,000 compared with £3,700,000 last year. A bonus of six pence a share, less tax, has been declared and £40,000 is carried forward.

QUAKE IN CALIFORNIA

CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, NOVEMBER 8.
A severe earthquake occurred this morning at about 5.30 a.m. The tremor was very violent and lasted for about 15 seconds.

SITUATION IN GERMANY

FRENCH SERIOUSLY CONCERNED

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PARIS, November 8.

The Government has instructed its Ambassador at Berlin to express to the German Government its serious concern at the situation tending to the establishment of a dictatorship with the triple programme of repealing the Treaty, suppressing reparations and preparing for a war of revenge. The French Government realises its intention not to interfere in the internal affairs of Germany but expresses a wish to see a real democratic government speedily established.

It transpires that the Ambassadors' Conference took no decision on the question of the ex-Crown Prince but referred it to their governments.

VON KAHR AND HITLER

MUNICH, November 9.

After Dictator Von Kahr had spoken at a large Nationalist demonstration in the Bürgerbräu beer cellars denouncing Marxist principles, the Fascist leader, Von Hitler, entered with six hundred men and announced that the Bavarian Government had been overthrown. He added that the new Government was in the hands of Ludendorff who was Commander-in-Chief while Von Hitler is to be his political adviser, further that the Chief of the Munich police, Von Poehner, had been appointed Administrator General and Von Lossow, Minister of Defence. Hitlerite troops then surrounded the cellars. Later the troops of the Oberland organisation with Reich colours occupied a number of places, particularly open spaces. There is no further news from the cellars where it is believed Von Kahr and Von Hitler are negotiating. The attitude of the Reichswehr is unknown. Bavarian police have occupied the telegraph office.

SILVER MARKET

"BULLS" PUT IT ACROSS "BEARS."

LONDON, November 8.

Mocatta's silver report early in the week reported from India that the "Bulls" had succeeded in driving up the price until next session it is changing. "Bulls" are buying at 10s. 6d. per ounce for six thousand bars odd, while they were unable to deliver. This no doubt has brought down the cost of their holdings to a satisfactory level. Mocatta hear to-day that they have disposed of the greater part of their holdings. Stocks in China show a sharp fall. The tendency of China to buy is more pronounced. This with the fall of the sterling-dollar rate gives a better appearance to the market. Mocatta look to the price being at least maintained in the near future.

ROUND THE WORLD.

U. S. AIR FLEET'S TOUR.

AKRON, (OHIO) November 8.

General Patrick, Chief of the Army Air Service, announced that the War Department proposed to send an aeroplane fleet around the world in the Spring. It will start from the East Coast and fly to the Pacific Coast, thence to Alaska and across the Bering Strait, then via the islands to India whence they will go to Persia, Scandinavia, Greenland and Home.

ON "WANTED" LIST.

ALLIES AND LITTLE WILLIE.

PARIS, November 8.

The Ambassadors' Conference has decided to ask the Dutch Government not to permit the German ex-Crown Prince to leave Dutch territory and the German Government not to permit him to enter Germany on the ground that he is on the list of war criminals whose surrender was demanded by the Allies.

FAR EAST COMMERCE CHAMBERS.

SIR JOHN JORDAN'S TRIBUTE.

LONDON, November 8.

In his speech at the China Association dinner, Sir John Jordan paid a tribute to the great services of the British Chamber of Commerce in the Far East and expressed the conviction that wonderful patience and tenacity of purpose would pull the Chinese through their difficulties.

INDIAN OFFICER MURDERED.

DELHI, November 8.

Captain Warki of the Kurnool militia and his wife, have been murdered at Parashine.

NEW AIR RECORD.

PARIS, November 8.

A new world's record long distance record was set up by the British team in the 100 miles race.

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THE FIFTH GYMKHANA MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley, on SATURDAY, 10th and MONDAY 12th November 1923 commencing 2.45 p.m. each day.

The Charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right of introducing 2 non-members to the members' enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Limited "Davis at '65' each up to FRIDAY November 9th.

The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

Hongkong, October 29, 1923.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

FIRST TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

MONDAY, November 12th. at 9.12 p.m. at the THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENTS.

Fifteen Round Contest for the Lightweight Championship of the Colony, and the Scott Harston Belt.

A. B. DIXON, H.M.S. "Cicada" v. S. E. TRIBE, R.G.A.

Ten Round Lightweight Contest.

A. B. HINES, H.M.S. "Diomedes" v. Pte. FLYNN, 2nd Battalion, The King's Regiment.

ALSO

One Heavyweight, One Middleweight, One Bantamweight and One Featherweight Contest of six rounds each.

Booking at Mouries'—Members on the 8th November.

General Public from the 9th Nov.

USUAL PRICES:

A Band will be in attendance. Next Tournament 1st Dec. 1923 at the Theatre Royal.

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Saturday, November 10th.

SEE EARL HAIG'S MESSAGE TO HONGKONG.

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W. P. SIMMONS,
For and on behalf of
EDWARD BUCHER MORTGAGE
LIMITED.

Hongkong, November 1923.

Dated the 9th day of October 1923.

NOTICE.

This Prospectus has been duly filed with the Registrar of Companies.

The Subscription List will be Open on WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of NOVEMBER, 1923, and Close on or before SATURDAY, the 17th day of NOVEMBER, 1923.

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Any of the shares now offered to the public which may not be subscribed for will be allotted in such manner as the Directors shall determine.

Directors:

DR. J. C. DALMAHOY ALLAN, Alexandra Building, Medical Practitioner.
C. E. BEAVIS, Esq., 9, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Solicitor.

H. A. CARTWRIGHT, Esq., 1A, Chater Road, Victoria, Managing Director, "Hongkong Daily Press," Ltd.

CHAN SAU FUNG, Esq., 11, Mui Fong Street, Victoria, Merchant.

CHAU SIU KI, Esq., 8, Queen's Road West, Victoria, Merchant.

FREDERICK ELLIS, Esq., 10, Ice House Street, Victoria, Stock Broker.

HON. MR. R. H. KOTEWALL, Alexandra Buildings, Victoria, Merchant.

LEUNG YAN FONG, Esq., St. George's Building, Victoria, Compradore, of Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

LI WING KWONG, Esq., 153, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Merchant.

LI YAU TSUN, Esq., 75, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Merchant.

THE REVEREND FATHER L. ROBERT, PROCUREUR GENERALE DES MISSIONS EXTRANGERES, Procureur General.

WONG PAK SON, Esq., 220, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Merchant.

Bankers:

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Auditors:

MESSRS. PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING, Accountants, No. 5, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

Solicitors:

MESSRS. WILKINSON & GRIST, No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

Registered Office of the Company: No. 10, ICE HOUSE STREET, VICTORIA, HONGKONG.

PROSPECTUS:

(a.) This Company has been formed principally for the purpose of building houses in the Colony of Hongkong with a view to meeting the great demand for housing accommodation which exists in the Colony at the present time.

(b.) In particular it is proposed to take advantage of the offer recently made by the Government for the grant of land for building purposes on the basis of the scheme explained by The Colonial Secretary at a Meeting of the Legislative Council in June, 1923.

The Promoters are in a position to state that they have completed negotiations for the acquisition from the Government of the plateau below "Jardine's Lookout," which is capable of accommodating 160 to 200 semi-detached houses. The Promoters are also in treaty with the Government for numerous other sites in good localities.

The Promoters have already received about 2,000 applications from persons desirous to obtain the assistance of this Company in building homes for the applicants.

The Promoters will also entertain, and, if thought advisable, take up any other scheme or schemes which may be proposed by the Government for the acquisition of land for building and development.

(c.) The Company is also empowered by its Memorandum of Association to undertake business of all kinds connected with the development of building areas.

(d.) The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is 100,000 shares.

(e.) No commission or promotion money is being paid by the Company.

(f.) The Company will pay the preliminary expenses of and incident to, the formation and floating of the Company down to the time when it becomes entitled to commence business, and the estimated amount thereof is \$5,000.

(g.) Farnsworth Esopus will be the first Managing Director under a contract with the Company at a remuneration of 5 per cent. of the net profits of the Company.

(h.) The Articles of Association provide that the qualification of a Director is to be the holding of 500 shares in the Company and that the remuneration of each of the Directors is to be \$1,000 per annum.

(i.) None of the Directors or Promoters are interested in the management of the Company except to the extent of the shares held by them in the Company.

(j.) Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company can be inspected at the office of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, Solicitors for the Company, at any time during business hours.

(k.) A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is annexed to this Prospectus and forms part of it.

(l.) Application for shares should be made upon the form accompanying this Prospectus and sent to the Company's Bankers together with a remittance of \$1.00 per share, the amount of the deposit.

Where no allotment is made the deposit will be refunded in full and where the number of shares allotted is less than the amount applied for a proportionate amount of the deposit will be retained.

(m.) Applications can be inspected at and forms of Application obtained from the Company's Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and at the office of the Company, No. 10, Ice House Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

Dated the 9th day of October 1923.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

The Hedjaz has applied for admission to the League of Nations.

The Bishop of Colombo has announced his intention of resigning next spring.

After being closed fifty years, Allendale (Co. Durham) lead mines are to be reopened by the Weardale Lead Company.

A tablet commemorating the defence of Arns in 1917-18 by the British 2nd Division was unveiled in the Chapel des Augustines at Arns.

Dr. C. E. Goddard, Medical Officer of Health to Harrow and Wembley, has been appointed medical officer to the British Empire Exhibition.

The loss sustained by the Japanese Navy as a result of the earthquake is estimated at one hundred million yen (\$10,000,000) by Admiral Takarabe, Minister of the Navy.

The Chinese Government has paid over the indemnity of \$5,000 gold dollars which was demanded for the murder of Mr. Conran, an American merchant, at Kalgan. The case is now considered settled.

The Mayor of Le Cateau has caused much distress in his own commune and much amusement in the rest of France, by a decision that only persons of the same sex may dance together in cafés.

Mr. Knut Rasmussen, the Arctic explorer, has started on a sledge journey of about 3,000 miles across Alaska and the Behring Strait to the east coast of Siberia.

Liberated at Morenz, France, 14 months ago in a Derbyshire federation race, a homing pigeon has just returned to its loft at Clowes, Derbyshire, with its ring missing.

The Polish Finance Minister states that arrangements have been made for the formation of a Polish bank of issue and for a loan of Poland from British financiers and the American firm of J. P. Morgan and Co. of £10,000,000.

Dover Admiralty Harbour, which cost £1,000,000 to build and was opened 14 years ago, was handed over by the Admiralty for commercial uses to Dover Harbour Board, who propose spending £1,250,000 on improvement schemes.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be closed for the translation of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, 12th instant.

Hongkong, 7th November, 1923.

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FOOTBALL AT SOOKUMPOO.

MONDAY, 12th November, 1923.

NAVY v. ARMY. Kick Off at 4.15 p.m.

The following team has been selected to represent the Army.

Goal. Cpl. Holland, King's Regt.

Backs. L/Cpl. Wynne & Pte. Williams, King's Regt.

Half-Backs. Cpl. Howarth, R.A.M.C. Pte. Hodson, King's Regt.

Gbr. 'Lello', R.G.A.

Forwards. Pte. Williams; C. S. M. Burnett, Lieut-Jones, King's Regt.

Mr. Gor. Castledine, & Gnr. Cozens, R.G.A.

Reserves. Pte. Nash, R.A.M.C.

1/Cpl. Barlow, King's Regt.

Referee—Mr. Wakeham.

WINNERS ("C" Coy. King's Regt.) v. RUNNERS UP (H.Q. "B" King's Regt.) Garrison Football League 1923. Kick off at 2.30 p.m.

His Excellency, the Governor has kindly consented to present the Cup and Medals to the Winners of the Garrison Football League and Medals to the Runners Up after the above match.

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HONGKONG FRIDAY, Nov. 9, 1923.

NO ROADS, NO TRADE.

In the matter of roads where other countries have progressed China has receded. For material backsliding she is, a world apart, although allusion to canals has no direct bearing upon our theme, we would submit, for analogy's sake, that in England, in the 17th century, hardly a single navigable canal had even been projected. In China, on the contrary, as far back as the 10th century B.C. the Imperial Canal was begun and in 1285 a mighty artificial river connected Tientsin with Hangchow. But mark the directions of the change. One hundred and fifty years sufficed for private enterprise to intersect England with waterways while in China official neglect had allowed portions of the Grand Canal to be silted with mud as to be no longer effective. Similarly, in England, even toward the close of the 17th century, the roads were in the most wretched condition and travelling was insufferably slow. On the great roads, ruts were many and deep, the descents steep, and the way so poorly constructed as to be scarcely distinguishable in the dusk, from the moon and sun through which they ran. The motor-cars, which now glide with little jolt or jar from one end of the country to the other testify to the great change which has been wrought. A few centuries ago twenty-one great highways, paved with stone and often bordered with trees, connected Peking with the remote regions of the empire. Running approximately in a straight line, cutting into the steep mountain sides, and often attaining a width of twenty and twenty-five yards, they leave testimony of a once gigantic system of labour and of a strangely efficient executive. But these great roads are, in large measure, things that were. It would have demanded but comparatively small outlay of the Chinese when the rains come to construct and maintain them. And for roads to repair, but negligible, he caused them to fall into such a sorry state of decay, as to afford a desolate ground for the growth of weeds.

cation between drivers meeting from opposite directions.

Travelling along such roads involves considerable expense and waste of time and the price of goods is augmented by carriage dues as to render, in many cases, prohibitive, export of domestic produce and importation of outside goods. Time is money, even in China. Snail-paced mules and carts might have afforded a pleasant outing to a drowsy Hilpa and Shallum in the days before the flood, but man's mortal stretch is now sadly curtailed and the wide-awake officials and men of business of the present day demand to waste as little time as possible while betaking themselves from business centres to places of production. Railways will not suffice. These are indeed, the great arteries of communication, but veins and capillary vessels are necessary to make trade circulate with speed and to from those arteries. Villages and towns should be linked by networks of such excellence as to make travelling and transportation rapid, easy, and cheap. It is all important that craftsmen and fishermen, workers in pottery and workers in wood, farmers and raisers of stock should find favourable markets for their wares, produce, and animals. Otherwise the rural market becomes quickly congested and glutted; and the supply is greater than the demand. Bad roads, are a curse to rural workers, to dwellers in districts remote from large centres of distribution, because it is owing to inefficient means of communication that these producers are unable to dispose of their goods.

It does not require a profound logical reasoning to show how good roads would prove, in many ways, beneficial to the producer by bringing him in touch with a ready market. The farmer, stock-raiser and craftsman would be encouraged by the new demand created by easy conveyance to increase their productions. More hands would be given to labourers and thus one great problem would be put fairly on its way towards solution. Not only would the staple products of the district be transported to other points but canning factories would spring up at central places when radiating roads would ensure a steady current of agricultural produce. Farmers would no longer limit their ambition to local supply but would furnish their quota toward the provision of our

great cities and of remote districts where supply is less than the demand, and finally rise to the "swelling theme" of purveyors to the great world markets.

In the south of the province of Kiangsu the canals and rivers are the slow highways of communication. The long soiled ribbons which stretch away through the farms permit but Indian file and the jolting wheelbarrow. They are left to the sport of the elements and are often covered with a weedy luxuriance. In the north of the province in Suchow Fu, there are no canals and so carts are run over trails which are a disgrace to the intelligence of the inhabitants. The whipped mules, dragging a loaded cart sunk to the axles, waltz their way through sloughs of mire, or bob and wriggle to shift a traveller's dreams, along the deep ruts and cleave through the yielding alluvium. Whilst the train is thus painfully and patiently struggling along, bandits, needy and greedy, swoop from behind the tall sorghum canes and hurry off with whatever is worth the taking. In Kansu there are a few roads crossing the province, but beyond these ways are so bad that man must take the plane of beasts of burden and trust heavily along, stooping under their load. Indeed the chief reason for the undeveloped condition of Kansu lies in the difficulty presented to communication and transportation. In Kweichow all transport has to be done by carriers or pack animals. The fine network of waterways in Kwangsi establishes fair communication but the roads which exist are mere tracks and are hardly kept up. In China are unbroken trails, sometimes lying ten feet below the level of the plain through which they lead; when the rains come they cannot be kept to. They are for passage to be made by pack animals, and the pack animals are not allowed to fall into such a

system of labour and of a strangely efficient executive. But these great roads are, in large measure, things that were. It would have demanded but comparatively small outlay of the Chinese when the rains come to construct and maintain them. And for roads to repair, but negligible, he caused them to fall into such a

other cases the victims usually wake up when it is too late, and their riches, money and valuables have all gone. Rumour has it that there are some young natives who make it their business to entice seafaring men out of their way at night by weird stories. Once in some dark lane or byway the stranger is set upon and before he knows where he is, he has become a sadder and a wiser man. It has been said concerning these stories that the victims are sometimes recient. Even if they notify the police they are said to have a tendency to keep back some of the details or hesitate to explain their presence at the particular spot. Going further into the seamy side of Hongkong night life old residents who profess to be in the know, say that there are rascals coolies who are in league with foot-pads. They are supposed to be on the lookout for men who appear to be strangers under the influence of liquor and are alleged to make it their business to drive the victim either to Happy Valley or some West where he is robbed. From this it must not be concluded that the Police are idle in this respect. The organisation in existence invariably traces the movements of a rascal or a number of them which use the various pitches. Time and again, large sums of money and valuables have been recovered, as the result of this detailed system, while the coolies also boast some honest men among them who have voluntarily handed in packages left in their vehicles.

Sound Advice.

The speech of Sir John Jordan, as Chairman of the China Association, will have been read with especial interest by those desirous of seeing stable government established in China. Sir John is one of the few foreign ex-diplomats who can speak with authority on things Chinese, and, when he becomes pessimistic, it is high time that China's rulers sat up and took notice. Sir John hints in no mistaken fashion that a Chinese Mussolini is the only prospect for the salvation of China. Reading between the lines of the brief cabled message, one is inclined to the belief that Sir John is of the opinion that Chang Te-ling is the man for the presidency. Many may pick upon Marshal Wu Pei-fu as the man indicated, but in view of the fact that Wu's paper victory occurred within two years of Sir John's departure, it is scarcely credible that Sir John has forgotten the sad mess that Wu made at Loyang when he seized the railway revenue on the Peking-Hankow line and ordered the dismissal of station-masters, if not the shooting, appointed by the Central Government when they debarred about handing over the cash in their charge. Sir John's advice is sound in that he realizes that retaliation from foreign men-of-war is the only way to deal with sporadic anti-foreign outbursts. The prospects of a Round Table Conference are hopeful, but unless the Chinese Mussolini appears and takes matters in hand, there is little likelihood that China's present state of political unrest will cease.

Further results, material to the welfare of the nation, would flow from the possession of good ways of communication. Central China has, for many years, been swarming with robber bands which impose a grievous toll. At present they come and go with fair impunity. Good roads would heighten the activities of police and military and afford speedy advance to an attacked village. Moreover enrolment in these bands would no longer loom forth, to thousands of sturdy men, as the one avenue to a comfortable subsistence. Again, with an excellent system of highways throughout the provinces, there would set in a current towards a better mutual understanding, towards a tightening of the ties of the country, towards broader views of patriotism, towards those further corollaries which common sense will deduce, more or less immediately from these, and which, in no small measure, would contribute to the opening up and exploitation of China's buried resources, to the rebottoming, on saner modern principles, of a building, ancient indeed, but whose solid old timbers and beautiful old architecture are well worth the propping, are well worth the services of pile-driver and mason.

Robberies

Countless tales of seafaring men being robbed whilst in vessels in the Colonies can be told by the police stations, some records are made, but hardly any account of how an American vice-consul, from the American Consul, was cleared out, and the Chinese police, who were

METAMORPHOSIS. Those things at which a man tests have sometimes the curious trick of becoming his subsequent stoutest faults.

BEING STILL. "The art of being still is almost a lost art," says J. C. Wright in the *Friends' Quarterly Examiner*. "It has been said that if every person would think without speaking for five minutes every day, the world would be a better world."

"We know the story of the wealthy man who, when dying,

called his profligate son to him and told him he would leave his money to him on one condition—that he should each day spend one hour alone. The son promised to obey,

and became a renovated character. Solitude for one hour out of twenty-four made him think.

The need for mental stillness, for poise and balance, is obvious. We are apt to become one-sided and make mistakes because we do not wait long enough to see both sides of a question."

The English NICKNAMES. equivalent of a new nickname they are using in Canton is smooth head, meaning one who is an opportunist. If it ever comes to Hongkong we know quite a number of wily gentlemen who are likely to get angry!

COMMAND US TO THE BUSINESS. Chinese as the greatest business people of all time. Even the little nippers have it pretty bad. Scene Queen's Road near the barracks on the left-hand side coming into town. Small boy, very small; big basket; very big; full of peanuts; the side walk is wide—for that part of Queen's Road; the "merchant" squats down by the channel, makes about a dozen tempting piles of nuts and awaits events. Comes one of the inscrutables, sees the trap laid for him—hesitates and is lost. Bang goes one cash and disappears there one pile of nuts. More inscrutables, more bangs, and less nuts. Thus do our wealthy compadres lay their solid foundations. Much more satisfactory than snatching, although our purists will say they ought to be at school. But "Men must work and women must sweep."

And if we're to have rice

We must others entice,

And—Yes! We have no

peanuts."

"Come!" said a LA FEMME. Bitter Sorrow to a woman.

"Wait but a moment," she answered, "until I find a face powder that will make me look prettier, and change my jade necklace for a plain gold cross."

"Now I am ready," she said, reaching out her hand, and the two moved off together, the woman weeping deeply, in terrible, thick sobs.

CONFUCIUS: WHO

OPINIONS OF man is the master

WOMEN. piece.

Herder: Woman

is the crown of creation.

Voltaire: Women teach us re-

pose, civility, and dignity.

John Quincy Adams: All that I

am my mother made me.

Lessing: Nature meant to make

woman its masterpiece.

Lamartine: There is a woman

at the beginning of all greatness.

Whittier: If woman lost us

Eden such as she alone restores it.

E. S. Barrett: Woman is last at

the cross and earliest at the grave.

Richter: No man can either live

piously or die righteous without a wife.

N. P. Willis: The sweetest

thing in life is the unclouded

welcome of a wife.

Voltaire: All the reasonings of

men are not worth one sentiment

of women.

Leopold Schefer: But one thing

on earth is better than the wife

that is the mother.

Shakespeare: For where is any

author in the world teaches such

beauty as a woman's eyes?

Michelot: Woman is the Sunday

of man; not his repose only, but

his joy, the salt of his life.

Margaret Fuller Osborn: Woman

is born for love, and it is impos-

sible to turn her from seeking it.

Louis Deasyon: A woman

may be ugly, ill-shaped, wicked,

ignorant, silly, and stupid, but

hardly ever ridiculous.

THE DEMOLITION still

TREES. continues, the latest

sacrifice being in

Morrison Gap Road where quite a

number have gone the way of their

Garden Road friends.

Two sportsmen were

RATHER relating some of their

TALL adventures when one

said:

"Once I was out shooting when

I saw a large number of game

sitting on the branches of an old,

leafless tree. I went to fire, but

found that my gun was not loaded,

and that I had used all my

cartridges. However, I had

a packet of fuses, and I shoved them

down the barrel with a stick.

Then after a couple of seconds the

gun went off, and the tree

blown up in a cloud of smoke.

Then I heard a noise, and

there was a shout.

Then I saw a

man running towards me.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

PIRACY.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir.—Does not the last piracy—presuming the Cheung Chau launch has been pirated, prove the absolute necessity that exists for the provision of at least one aeroplane? I am aware that darkness had set in when the boat was found to be missing, but a plane could have been brought into requisition as soon as there was sufficient light to enable it to get about. I am under the impression that there was in existence, formerly, a committee to consider and form an aero club, but apparently the matter has died the usual natural death. I hope, Sir, you will use your influence to have the matter of aeroplanes brought to the notice of those in authority who do not seem to be able to profit from the experiences of the past.

Yours etc.,

FLYER.

Hongkong, November 8.

CRIME AND REGISTRATION.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir.—The Government has passed an Ordinance permitting those who sit in judgment to give sentences up to ten years for those found with or using arms for a criminal purpose. This fact has been broadcasted all over the Colony and in the region from which it is commonly stated that our criminal class emigrate—Canton. What happens? As you have pointed out previously, the sentences given by the big-wigs of the Supreme Court have recently been the reverse of severe; crime is still on the increase; robberies are committed in broad daylight in the centre of the city, and on roads on the higher levels, and orientals are not the only people who are molested. Europeans, as is well known, have been robbed, or attempts made upon them to do so; worse of all the women of our race are being subjected to attentions in this respect which revolt the mind and call out for drastic treatment and reform. Matters are so bad that the police in the spare time it has free from performing drills, and controlling motor traffic, is considering the adoption of bullet-proof vests to use when it performs its periodic raids on questionable premises. It is time that the matter of crime prevention engaged the serious attention of those whose business it is, and those who are so well paid to do it, to adopt measures that will bring the matter to the lowest possible minimum. There is only one way out of the mess in which we find ourselves, due to the inaction and inability of the powers that be to put crime down. And that is registration of the entire Asiatic community living within British territory in this part of the world. The matter at first blush may seem stupendous, costly, and impossible of realisation. I have to point out that all Europeans are registered; why not Asiatics? The matter is not stupendous if tackled in the right way. It may be costly but in this respect I may point out that we are maintaining a costly Police force, which, from the very nature of things, does not actually benefit itself. No scheme can be considered too costly which is going to rid us of our criminal element and make this place safe to live in. The outrages which have been done cry aloud for reform and I trust that this matter of registration will be pressed home until the authorities come to see and realise that it is the only way out of a difficulty which daily becomes more and more onerous.

Yours etc.,
HOUSEHOLDER.

Hongkong, November 9.

HOUSEBUILDING ON SUNDAYS.

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Sir.—As far as shipping is concerned, it is well known that for the sake of emergency, the Government does permit the loading of ships on a Sunday. Likewise too, any work which is really a case of actual and immediate necessity, work of a manual nature is always tolerable. For instance, a man falling into the sea or a man bailing his horse or sheep or cow falling into the sea, certainly one may do the needful by saving the lives of these several animals immediately and not wait for the morrow. But Sir, the object of this is to enquire whether actual housebuilding is really a necessity for it being attended to on a Sunday in addition to the whole six days of the week. This is a Christian Colony and its Government is Christian, and in the face of this work is being allowed on Sundays to build houses. While such constructions may be tolerated by non-Christians who build for their own nationals, surely non-Christians should not be permitted to go on building on Sundays for

SIR JAMES JAMIESON
K.C.M.G.

CEREMONY AT SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, November 9. At an impressive ceremony at the British Consulate yesterday afternoon, Sir Ronald MacLay presented the insignia of the K.C.M.G. to Sir James Jamieson, Consul-General at Canton.—*Reuter*.

PEKING'S PREMIER.

PEKING, November 8.

Regarding the report that President Tsao Kun will appoint Sun Pao-chi as *Shihli* Premier on the 15th inst., Sun Pao-chi reiterates that he does not desire the post unless his appointment is passed by Parliament.

It is unofficially stated that if Sun Pao-chi takes the Premiership, he will appoint Dr. W. W. Yen Foreign Minister, while Wu Yu-jin and Kao Ling-wei and Chang Keh will retain their present portfolios.—Courtesy *Daily Bulletin*.

FIRE BRIGADE.

EFFICIENT WORKING.

Those whose business took them to the Central Police Station precincts this morning, were treated to an entertaining and highly interesting display of drill-work by the Fire Brigade. Superintendent Brooks and Station Officer Moss directed the Chinese firemen who proved themselves quite intelligent and adept at their work.

Many forms of fire-fighting were gone through and thrilling rescues made from the verandahs of the Station quarters. A third floor ladder was run up and put into position in a matter of seconds and in spite of their cumbersome boots the men were at the top in a manner which would have put to shame a pet monkey tied to one of the mullions. Roars of laughter were provoked when the men went through the practice of sliding down the canvas shutes used for life-saving. Each man was lifted into the "bag" by Mr. Brooks and an assistant foreman, to be lifted out when they slid to the bottom.

A canvas blanket was brought into use and the men had a turn in jumping into it from the verandah.

Altogether it was a very smart turnout and highly creditable to all concerned. The station compound is more conducive to drill than the Supreme Court. Its use for drill should therefore tend to bring the Brigade to even higher efficiency.

Christian people. For instance let us take the new European Y.M.C.A. which is being built at Kowloon, six days during the week the poor hard worked Chinese are working away hard at same, and on a Sunday too they are still working away as hard as possible. If the parties responsible for same set up a standard of the Christian faith, then surely they should see to it that the men who are building the same even though they be non-Christians should not be permitted to work on a Sunday. Again, we will take the new Peninsula Hotel, also the whole week the poor men are working away hard at it, and on Sundays too they never leave off. In this latter case also the parties responsible for same are men who claim to be Christians, and yet these non-Christians are permitted to carry on Sundays also.

Surely it is not anywhere near

the instances quoted above that this working on Sundays is an actual and immediate necessity and because it is not so, it is well that those concerned should help and improve matters so far as the building of houses concerned that work is not permitted. This is one way of spreading the Christian gospel rather than by preaching all the most wonderful sermons in a Christian place of worship. As long as any work has not got to be performed instantaneously, no manual work should be permitted in a Christian Colony on a Sunday, especially if the building of such erections are intended for those who profess the Christian faith. The ordinary Christian gentleman or woman works six days in the week and surely each one of them need some kind of quietness and peace on one day in the week rather than having to contend with the unbearable noises at these several places of construction and having even to brush up against non-Christian Chinese men and women carrying heavy loads of sand and mud etc. in the public streets. I believe if there is any Christian community which would try and prevent this had a system of working on a Sunday, the Bazaar, Young Men's Association, management should make a start and prevent their contractors from carrying on such work on a Sunday in future.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC
TO
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Commending with the arrival from Vancouver of the "Empress of Russia," 25th March, the Canadian Pacific will inaugurate a New Service between Hongkong and Manila by the Steamers "Empress of Russia" and "Empress of Asia."

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MISSING LAUNCH.

WHERE IS SHE?

FURTHER DETAILS.

Word has been received by the Water Police that the steam-launch "Lee Fat" which served as a ferry between Hongkong and Cheung Chau (Dumbell Island) is at Shek KI, the capital of the district of Heung Shan which adjoins Macau. Enquiries at the Station brought forth a statement that no details whatever had been received, it being merely stated that the launch had been seen by Chinese presumably the Chinese Maritime Customs.

On Wednesday evening a junk reported to the Cheung Chau police that shots had been heard on the launch which left the island at about 7 p.m. for Hongkong. Later in the evening it became apparent that as the "Lee Fat" had not arrived at its wharf here, something was amiss. Police launches assisted by a Naval tug with armed officers scoured the neighbouring waters, going as far as Bias Bay but no trace of the vessel could be found. It was concluded that the launch had been pirated and the present report seems to confirm it as a fairly large sum of money was on board.

The local *Wah Tsze Yat Po* says that jewellery was on board as a resident was moving into Hongkong. An employee of the Mow Loong rice firm was also a passenger and he is said to have had between five and six thousand dollars, being amounts collected from clients. A shop's *folk* is said to have carried over \$1,000 with him on the launch. The vernacular paper also states that a Chinese was recently returned from America was coming into Hongkong from Cheung Chau with "several ten thousands of gold pieces," to be deposited in a local bank.

The "Lee Fat" is owned by a Chinese named Wan and was only recently hired to augment the Cheung Chau ferry service. In the mornings it served as the Hau Hoi ferry and was only used in the evenings for the Cheung Chau run. Shek KI is a flourishing town at the junction of several important passages on the southern part of the Canton River delta. Its inhabitants follow the same living as those on Dumbell Island, namely, fishing. The crews of the fishing

COMMERCIAL COMMENT.

MORE NAILS BOUGHT.

Transactions in the local Wire Nails market continue. Chinese dealers are still buying 330 assortments and the price ex godown has gone up from \$10.65 to \$10.95 per picul keg. Chinese importers have booked further orders for indent at prices stated to be \$10.35 ex godown Hongkong.

SUGAR IMPROVES.

Advice was received yesterday that sugar prices in Java had gone up but no reason was given. Speculators on the look-out for the flimsiest excuse to put prices up this morning, importers quoted \$14.80 per picul for "spot" No. 24 Java rough white, at which some small sales were recorded. Although stocks of No. 24 fine white are small and this grade holds little interest at present, the price also moved upwards in sympathy and closed at \$15.00 nominal. Brown sugar was not in such big demand. No. 18 rough being quoted at \$14.05 and the lower grade at \$13.04. A few sales of "future" were also reported. No. 24 rough white being quoted at about 12 cents per picul lower than "spot."

RICE PRICES.

Small stocks and few arrivals have made up for difficulty in getting shipments away and prices remain steady. Rice merchants are looking forward to the new junk-ferry service between Hongkong, Ma-La-Chau and Kowloon, to help clear away bargains in godowns.

FLOUR MARKET.

"Spot" flour prices remain steady but "futures" have moved up slightly. A fairly large sale of "White Greens" for December arrival was made this morning at \$2.88 which is only a few cents above the spot quotation. Clearances have been fair.

FLEETS OF THESE TWO PLACES AND MACAU

are constantly moving from place to place. It may be that news leaked out of the treasure to be carried on the "Lee Fat" and pirates in the Chinese waters accordingly planned the supposed attack. There were about forty passengers on the ferry, including a number of women.

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Galdor M. Saltzgaber, has been elected Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at the reunion of the Civil War veterans in Milwaukee.



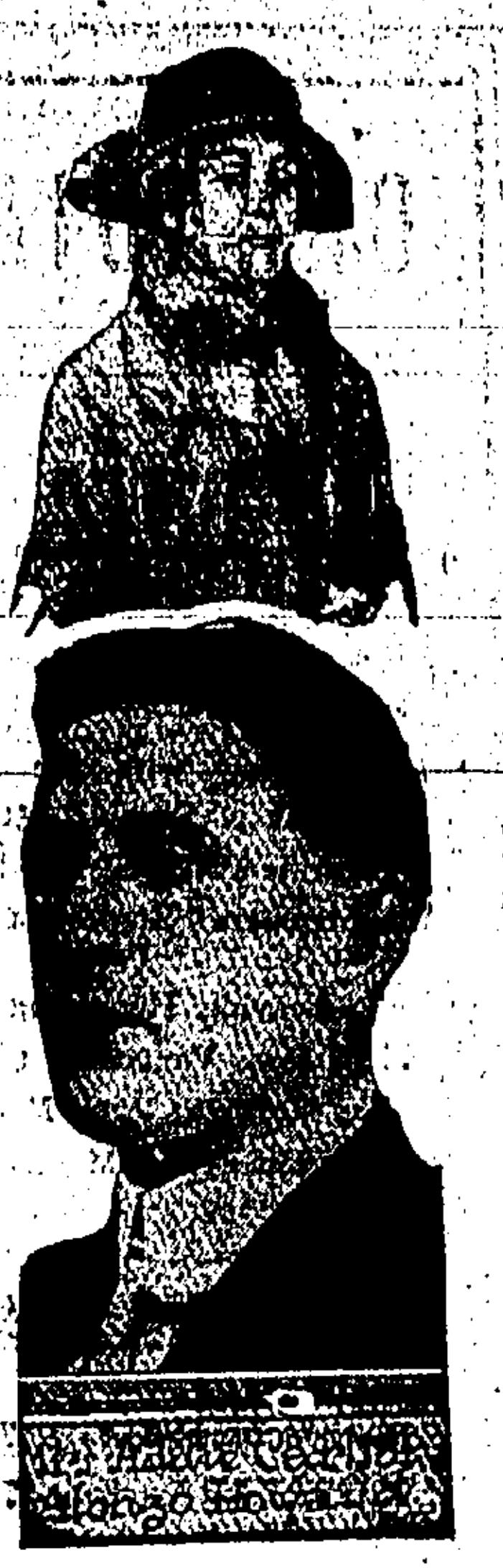
Three heirs of his mother's estate, two of them members of the British nobility, have filed application in the Surrogate's Court in New York City to cust James L. Breeze, famous society leader and artist, as executor. He is charged with mismanagement of the property and with having made personal use of it. Mr. Breeze is trustee of the large fund created by his grandmother, Eloise L. Lawrence, and by his mother, Mrs. Augusta E. Breeze, who died in 1903. Mr. Breeze's first wife was the daughter of Major-General Robert B. Potter and a niece of the late Bishop Potter. He is a member of many clubs in New York City and thrilled society when he staged the famous "Girl in the Pie" dinner at his studio several years ago. The petitioners are his two nieces—Lady Alastair Innes-Kerr, who was Anna Parsons Breeze, and the Countess of Ancaster, who was Eloise Breeze, both daughters of his brother, William L. Breeze. The third is William L. Breeze, son of Mrs. Julia Keene Fish Breeze, of New York and grandson of Captain Fish.



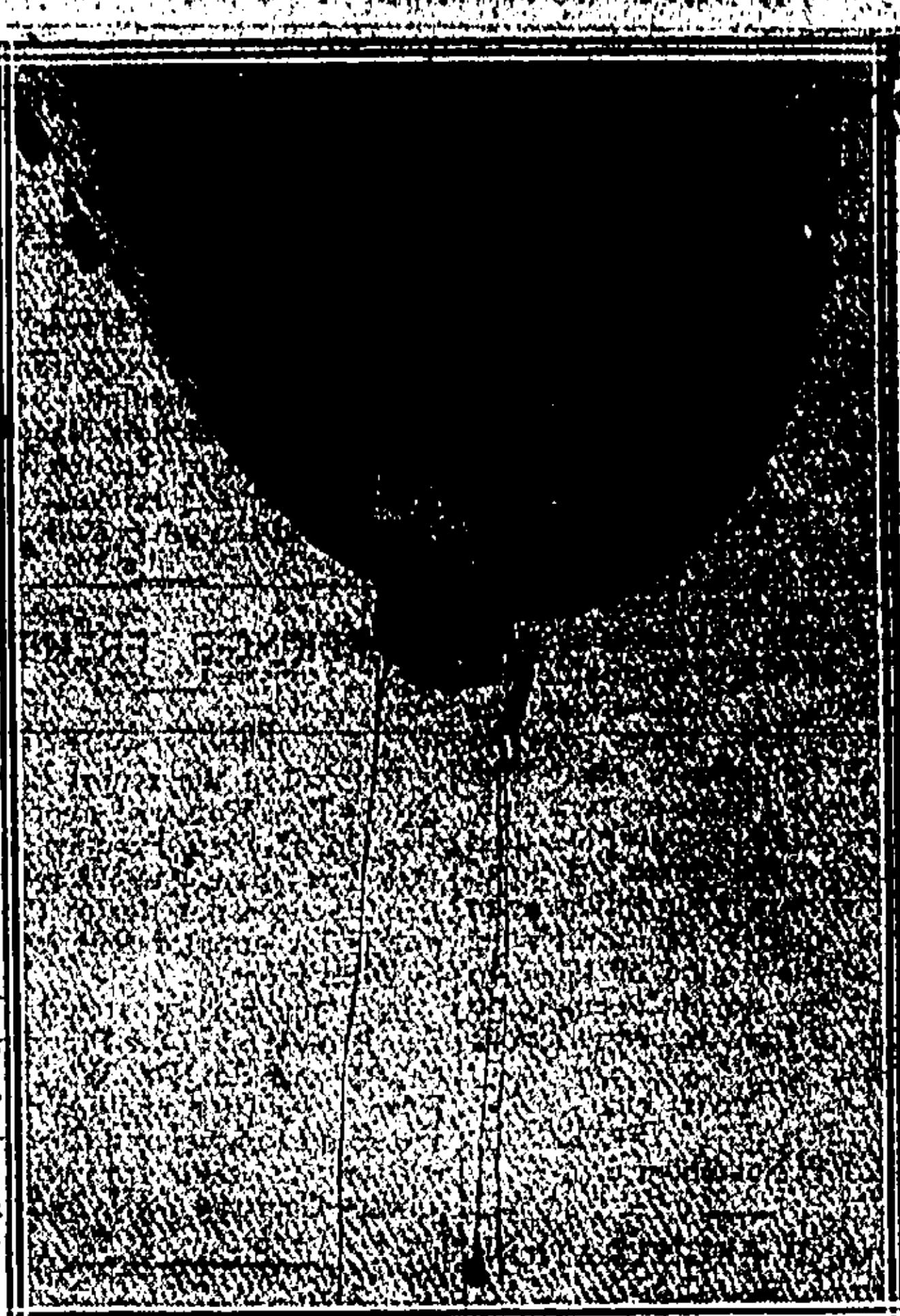
Peter Kusmitch Koslov, famous explorer, who spent two years in the "Dead City of Hara Hoto," in central Tibet, has left Moscow with a Soviet expedition for three years more of exploration there. Hara Hoto was found to be a deserted city, with everything in it intact, as though the inhabitants had been swallowed up. The most precious "find" was a library of 2,500 volumes from the period of the ninth to the eleventh century. These books are in seven languages—Persian, Sanscrit, Arabic, Mongolian, Tibetan, Tungene and Sisya, a heretofore undiscovered language, which was used by the inhabitants of Hara Hoto. This library Koslov took to Moscow, and it is now in the Artistic Museum of the Academy of Sciences in Petrograd.



Otto Nelson Hartman, a Chicago "bell hop" and bus boy, has returned to the Windy City, after perpetrating a series of hoaxes on society in the East. Masquerading as one of the social-eclat, he mingled with the leading society figures, and at Newport was a guest on the magnificent yacht of Commodore Arthur Curtis James. His pass into society was his manner, his clothes, and his colossal nerve.



Alonzo Howard, adventurer in many love affairs, is charged by Mrs. Addie Carlton, 50, with having made such violent love to her she gave him \$5,000 left her by her husband—and her heart. When the charges became public Miss Bertha A. Hutchins, a Boston school teacher, committed suicide by drowning in the Charles River. Her father charges she was engaged to Howard and could not stand the disgrace.



Uncle Sam's Army dirigible "blimps" have been put to many uses but this remarkable photograph shows one of the tiny balloons flying over the water, near Langley Field, and saving a drowning man. The rope ladder, weighted down by a bucket, was dropped to him, and he may be seen climbing into the basket of the "blimp."



General Ludendorff, von Hindenburg's right-hand man in the World War, does not hope to bring ex-Kaiser Wilhelm back to Germany, but he does believe the Monarchists will re-establish a monarchy in Germany, and he is grooming the eldest son of Prince Hermine, the ex-Kaiser's second wife, for the job. He is Prince Hans George Heinrich Ludwig Friedrich Herman Ferdinand von Schonau-Carolath, 16 years old, overgrown and anaemic. He lives with a court in his Castle Anfitz in Upper Silesia. He is inordinately fond of candy and eats enormous quantities, despite the orders of his doctors. Hermine is set on having her son made Kaiser and already forces his attendants to address him as "Your Majesty."



Joseph Marcino Blata, a former barber, who rose high in finances, admitted that he had looted the Warren Bank, of \$213,000, but entered a plea of not guilty and elected to stand trial, being sent to jail in default of a bond of \$25,000. Blata was extradited from Mexico, to which he had fled. Frank L. Taylor, the \$50-a-week figurehead president of the bank, is serving three to five years in prison for his part in the robbery.

Miss May Campbell, a 17-year-old girl, of Columbus, O., who was selected as Miss America of 1922 at the national bathing-beauty contest in Atlantic City, won her title again as Miss America of 1923 in the contest this year. She is shown here with King Neptune, impersonated by Lynn Harding.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE "TIMES" AND CHINA.

LONDON, November 8.
The *Times*, commenting on Sir John Jordan's speech, says the Powers may bring their policy into more effective contact with realities if, for the present they take account of those actually exercising regional authority in any part of China, while rival Chinese generals and administrators might thereby find an opportunity of composing their differences.

CHINA'S TRADE FALLING OFF.

Sir John Jordan, in a speech at the China Association dinner in London, referring to the efforts to develop inter-imperial trade, declared that trade outside the Empire was equally important. He said that China's foreign trade was nearly \$300,000,000, and that China was the largest undeveloped market in the world to-day. British trade with China was unsatisfactory, he added, giving as an example the fact that the export of cotton goods to China during the first half year to 1923 amounted only to about one eighth of the export to India as compared with about one quarter normally. At that rate he said, the trade would only employ fifty thousand men instead of a hundred thousand. The disorganisation in China not only caused a decrease in trade but the very foundations of British trade in China were being undermined by new insidious assaults from without. Soviet envoys in Peking were preaching to applauding audiences of Chinese statesmen, doctrines which brought Russia to her present state and was being sown in receptive soil for a harvest of similar upheavals in China. Incessant vigilance was necessary, he continued, to maintain the British position in China, in the present dissolving conditions throughout the whole eastern world.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

LONDON, November 8.
Premier Smuts was due to sail for South Africa to-morrow but has postponed his departure for a week owing to developments arising from the work of the Imperial Conference.

Reuter learns that there is reason to believe that the postponement of Premier Smuts's departure for South Africa for a week is due to advice from the continent indicating the possibility of Premier Smuts effectively contributing to the solution of the continental imbroglio. Premier Smuts is co-operating most closely with the Foreign Office and he is believed also to be in close touch with continentalents entitled to speak on behalf of their respective governments.

FURTHER PREFERENCES.

LONDON, November 8.

At the Economic Conference Sir Lloyd George announced that the British Government had decided to recommend Parliament to make further preferences to the Dominions, including an increase to one fourth in the case of tobacco, the imposition of an import duty of ten shillings per hundred weight on foreign canned salmon, whereas the Empire products were free.

In addition to the preferences mentioned yesterday, the conference was unanimously of the opinion that the three methods, namely subsidies, the grant of import licences, and the stabilization of prices were impracticable, but that the closest co-operation of various Governments and producers' organisations was desirable in order to improve the marketing of agricultural products. It passed a resolution reaffirming the principle that in all Government contracts preference should be given to goods produced within the empire and as far as practicable the materials used in carrying out contracts should be Empire products.

FRENCH WINES IN CHINA.

PARIS, November 8.
The question of the export of French wines to China was raised by Senator Dr. Monzé who asked the Minister of Commerce whether steps had been officially taken to ensure that the Chinese market would remain effectively open to French wines. The Minister replied that he was constantly in communication with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the French Commercial Attaché in China for the purpose of safeguarding the interests of French wine exporters, and was seeking a means for the development of such exports. He replied that in regard to the consumption tax of twenty per centum *ad valorem* on wines and spirituous liquors, the Chinese Government had informed the French Government that the interested powers reserved the right to claim reimbursement of the tax already collected and as a result of French representations the same was applied to German and Italian wines as to French wines.

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ROUND UP SEPARATISTS.

BONN, November 8.
Following the recent Belgian action against the Separatists in Aix-la-Chapelle, the French in Bonn rounded up over two thousand imported Separatists whom they disarmed and marched to the railway station. They were detained in special trains.

The guards on all roads leading to the British zone have been reinforced. Two prominent Separatists, who were endeavouring to enter the zone were arrested yesterday.

PUTSCH FAILS.

BERLIN, November 8.
Failing the materialisation of the hitherto threatened Bavarian putsch, the Government's principal pre-occupation remains the problem to ameliorate the chaotic financial situation and the hourly rising prices, which are exemplified in the case of bread. A single loaf to-day costs more than the average wages of a worker last week. The Government has decided to repeat the levy on foreign securities and to raise the embargo on sugar export. It is announced that the mark will disappear on the 15th when the new Rentenmark appears.

DUTCH INDIES LOAN.

NEW YORK, November 8.
A syndicate, headed by the Guaranty Trust, is offering twenty-five million dollars to the Dutch Indies loan at five per cent, at ninety.

MOSCOW EN FETE.

MOSCOW, November 8.
The city is *enfête*, and bedecked with red flags, having processions and bands in celebration of the anniversary of the revolution.

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Owing to an outbreak of fire which occurred on board the M.M. steamer "Ankor" on the 16th ultimo all parcel mails on board for Hongkong were landed at Djibouti and will be brought on by a later steamer.

SUPPLEMENTARY XMAS AND NEW YEAR PARCEL MAIL FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM.

A Supplementary Xmas and New Year Parcel Mail for the United Kingdom will be closed in the G.P.O. at 5 p.m. on the 14th inst.
This mail is due in London on 31 December.

GENERAL HOLIDAY.

On MONDAY, the 19th inst., the G.P.O. and the Branch Post Offices will be open as follows:

The G.P.O. and Kowloon Branch:—8 a.m. to 9 a.m. only.

Shing Mun Branch:—8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5.30 to 8 p.m.

Wan Chai Branch:—8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5.30 to 8 p.m.

Shing Mun Branch:—8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5 to 6 p.m.

Yanmanati:—8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5 to 6 p.m.

Shambuipo:—8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5 to 6 p.m.

There will be one collection of letters from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence on SUNDAYS, and also one delivery of registered letters from the G.P.O. at 9 a.m.

There will be one delivery from each of the Branch Offices at noon.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

INWARD MAIIS.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

Australia and Manila:—Victoria, Yingchow

Shanghai:—Yingchow

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai:—Pars. Lincoln

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

EUROPE via Nagapatam (Letters & Papers London

11th Oct.)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

Shanghai:—Chill

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

EUROPE via Nagapatam (Letters & Papers London

Oct. and Parcels 11th Oct.)

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OUTWARD MAIIS.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

Shanghai:—Liangchow 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

Hoibow, Quinhon and Touloum:—Yue Ying Wa 8.30 a.m.

Haiphong:—Song Bo 10.30 a.m.

Shanghai:—Tibidou 10.30 a.m.

Fort Bayard, Hoibow, Pakhoi and Haiphong:—Haiphong 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou:—Amakou Maru 9 a.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

Amoy:—Yingchow 9 a.m.

Straits:—Yingchow 9 a.m.

Bangkok:—Van Cloon 9 a.m.

Swatow:—Bacchus 9 a.m.

Singapore:—Hydrogoes 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

Swatow and Bangkok:—Eulgan 8.30 a.m.

Swatow and Bangkok:—Adrasini 10.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou:—Haiphong Noon.

Straits and Calcutta:—Hulcebow 2.30 p.m.

Swatow:—Taiseng 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

Malta, AUSTRALIA and New Zealand via

Thursday Island—due Thursday Island

10th Nov. Registration 12.30 p.m.

5 p.m. Letters 14th Nov. 8.30 a.m.

10th Nov. 5 p.m. Registration 12.30 p.m.

Changchow 10th Nov. 8.30 a.m.

10th Nov. 5 p.m. Registration 12.30 p.m.

Friday, NOVEMBER 16.

Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou:—Haiching Noon.

Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via

Changchow, MANCHURIA and Korea

Thursday Island via Thursday Island—due

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